

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
MINUTES FOR COMMISSION ON GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION
MEETING
OF
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009
AT 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL IN THE COMMITTEE CLOSED SESSION ROOM - 12TH FLOOR
202 C STREET

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pastor Harry Cooper at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Pastor Harry Cooper at 6:57 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chair Cooper called the roll:

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

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| (1) Commissioner De Leon Torres | (7) Commissioner Cafferty |
| (2) Commissioner Benavidez | (8) Commissioner Lozada |
| (3) Commissioner Dumanis | (9) Commissioner Silverman |
| (4) Commissioner Yanov | (10) Commissioner Eldred |
| (5) Commissioner Henderson | Chair- Pastor Cooper |
| (6) Commissioner Jenkins | |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Pastor Cooper asked for the approval of Minutes from February 19, 2009 CGPI meeting. The motion was to approve the Minutes; it was moved by Commissioner Mark Cafferty and seconded by Commissioner Mack Jenkins. There was no discussion for the approval of minutes.

COMMISSION ACTION: (Time duration: 5:02 p.m. – 5:04 p.m.)

MOTION BY CAFFERTY TO ADOPT. Second by Jenkins. Passed unanimously.

CURRENT INFORMATION SCAN (CIS):

Lieutenant Andrew Mills from the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) Gang Unit presented a report on current statistics from March 2009 that involved the City of San Diego (see stats handout below). Last month, SDPD begun an operation called “Party Crashers”. Operation Party Crashers consisted of a joint effort between the Juvenile Administration under Chief Kanaski, the Gang sections, and three of the area commands (Mid-city, Central, and South-Eastern). There

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were two gang incidents that took place in which Gang Suppression Team (GST) had took control of.

STREET GANG UNIT CASE STATISTICS

**March Statistics
2009**

| Gang Crimes | Motivated | Involved |
|--------------------|-----------|----------|
| Murder | 0 | 0 |
| Attempt Murder | 1 | 0 |
| Aggravated (Gun) | 2 | 2 |
| Aggravated (other) | 7 | 4 |
| Robbery | 3 | 2 |
| Other crimes | 6 | 2 |
| Totals | 19 | 10 |
| YTD 2009 | 50 | 37 |

Definitions:

Gang Motivated: a serious crime committed at the direction of, for the benefit or in association with a criminal street gang.

Gang Involved: any serious crime involving a gang member as suspect or victim minus a clear motivation.

Over the next few months expect to see significant effort to remove violent street gangs and their guns.

Gang Arrests

Citywide Arrests of Gang Members
325
Other Commands
169
Gang Unit
167
YTD
937

Gang Documentation

Total Membership
4,000
New Members
41/114
Purged Members
31/75



"The hard work of Gang officers and detectives, along with the overwhelming support of community members and activists, has led to a lull in gang violence. Now is the time to crank up the effort on the violent."

March Quick Facts

There have been 86 gang cases this year compared to 111 in 2008.
17 cases will qualify for a gang enhancement, should the DA decide to issue the allegation.

2008 vs. 2009

Murder -60%
Aggravated Assaults -22%
Robbery -16%
Total -8%

Cases by area of the city:

Southern 7
Mid-City 5
Central 5
Southeast 10

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Commissioner Jenkins commented on the 60% decline in homicides and wanted to know if these stats were in a comparable time period from last year to the present.

Lieutenant Mills's response was that it was from the end of March 2008 as compared to the current timeframe.

Commissioner Silverman applauded Lt. Mills and his team for all the efforts put forth.

Lieutenant Andrew Mills commented on the collaboration efforts amongst the Sheriff's office, the community, churches, non-profit organizations, the Endowments, the prosecutors, and the local government that are banding together to help.

Commissioner Henderson acknowledged and thanked SDPD Southeastern Division team members for their efforts in collaborating with the community for a event that took place on April 04 at Gompers Park it was a day of peace and non-violence.

Commissioner Lozada commented on the efforts from the County Mental Health offering a course on Gang culture.

Commissioner Jenkins introduced Officers Carl Heidemann and Alan Pineda from Probation's Gang Suppression Unit.

Probation Office Carl Heidemann commented on updates about Probations activity from February 2009.

Probation Officer Alan Pineda commented on his role with SDPD and gave an overview of what his position entails.

Commissioner Henderson commented on the incident that took place in the San Luis Rey Community that involved a male who open fired on Police Officer and how services are needed in this area.

Commissioner De Leon-Torres commented on probationer's crossing over to other county lines and if there were any model programs that are being looked at in regards to juvenile probations.

Commissioner Jenkins commented about the current models that they follow and is open to entertain other models given the specifics.

Commissioner Dumanis thanked Probation for all their collaboration efforts and work that they put forth.

ACTION ITEM 1:

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Chair Cooper discussed a recommendation to provide a letter of support (LOS) to Able Disabled Advocacy, Metro United Services, YMCA Youth and Family Service for their OJJDP applications. The motion is to provide these three organizations with a letter of support.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER DUMANIS. Seconded by Commissioner Henderson.

Commissioner Eldred commented on the content of the proposals that these organizations are putting together.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood commented that the three organizations have met the required benchmarks through existing mentorship within different areas around the City of San Diego.

Commissioner Jenkins commented about the funding in regards to the existing mentoring for youth.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood commented that the LOS will expand the capacity of the organizations and help build its mentorship group.

Commissioner Lozada commented about the process of a LOS when organizations put in a request.

Commissioner Silverman commented on being clear about the criteria of a LOS.

Deputy City Attorney Mary Nuesca commented on the list of the three organizations that the Commission is allowed to discuss under the Brown Act. Recommended a motion to direct the Chair and Executive Director to act consistently with this action and in the future with or without it coming back to the Commission for a decision, also recommends that it be limited in time for endless authorizations.

Commissioner De Leon-Torres commented on the areas that these services will be provided at.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood stated that these areas consist of Mid-City, South East, and City wide (YMCA).

Approval of Letters of Support signed by Chair Cooper and the Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood that are dated before the deadline of 04/27/09.

Deputy City Attorney Mary Nuesca commented that the action is for the particular OJJDP FY 09 Recovery Act Local Youth Mentoring Initiative.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DUMANIS. Second by Commissioner Silverman.

Commissioner Silverman commented on the support of other organizations who are seeking stimulus funds.

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Deputy City Attorney Mary Nuesca commented that the item could be posted on the agenda for the next Commission meeting for a “special” meeting.

Commissioner Silverman commented on the Commission being well prepared for future technicalities in regards to deadlines.

Commissioner Cafferty commented on giving his support for the Chair and Executive Director.

Chair Pastor Cooper commented on the motion of having a form of protocol for LOS.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood commented that May 21, 2009 Commission meeting will be a “Special” meeting.

ACTION ITEM 2:

Chair Cooper discussed about a recommendation to accept current implementation strategies and to include any Commission recommendations.

Lieutenant Jorge Duran from the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) presented updates for the CALgrip grant. A multi- disciplinary group was formed that consists of SDPD, CGPI, SANDAG, Park & Recreations, and SD Workforce Partnership. Intervention, prevention, and suppression issues and goals are needed to be addressed to meet the needs of these youth.

Commissioner Lozada inquired about what types of services Metro United Urban Ministry offered.

Carol Wood from Metro United Urban Ministry is working with Lieutenant Duran on helping at-risk youth that are involved with gangs by assessing them and then connecting them with services in the community that would benefit them by using developmental and gang involvement and activity questionnaires. They also meet with the youth and their parents to discuss issues and determine steps in order to address these issues like why youth drop out and numerous absences in school. Referrals will not be initially mandated so they will attempt a more subtle approach with the youth and their parents.

Chair Cooper motioned to accept the current implementations strategies being employed by the SDPD.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JENKINS. Second by Commissioner Cafferty.

ACTION ITEM 3:

Chair Cooper discussed a major concern amongst the San Diego Community on Prison re-entry.

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Commissioner Dumanis commented about SB 618 which is to break the cycle of recidivism in the San Diego County. The program describes that when one is pleading guilty and going to prison, they prepare a life plan while the probation officer prepares assessment and it stays classified by local level of CDCR so that they go to Donovan State Prison or CIW.

Commissioner Eldred commented of a group of six funders that started the Coming Home Initiative assisting individuals just out of prison to successfully reintegrate them into society and their family. They want to expand reentry programs that were successful and continue the success.

Commissioner Silverman commented on SB 151 in regards to re-entry. They work closely with parole and probation correspondents helping with reducing recidivism. They are excited about being part of the process and willing to assist along with Second Chance.

Commissioner Benavidez commented about his enthusiasm as well and welcomed any bill from the Senator along the same lines. No dispute with the reentry, but still no definite plans for release of inmates. The budget area is still a concern. The three judge panel is another obstacle as well.

State Senator Ducheny commented on the issues previously discussed by the commissioners. The major problem is that California's prison system fund is greater than that of city colleges, UC's, and CSU's fund put together. The State of California has the highest recidivism rate in the U.S. due to the technical violations while on parole. Prison case loads were stable compared to the 90's, the problem is the technical violations (short term sentences). The Senator recommends programs that will reduce the recidivism rates dramatically. Efforts to try and create a system that has a 6-18 process include: to assist the person in the community, figure out what their program needs are instead of sending them to the reception center, also assist them and send them into prison with some type of program, use that program and before they get out of that facility or re-entry facility. We are the only county who is doing a SB618 re-entry effort. SB 678 is one that Senator Leno discussed that deals with felony probationers to reduce felony parolees. The earning discharge was an idea that was brought up by Senator Ducheny; it was similar to that of the direct discharge. Senator Ducheny commented that SB151 would change things and really help those attempting manage the reentry system in more effective way.

Chair pointed out that there was the recommendation to establish an AD Hoc committee to follow SB 151 and report back in June or September. Motion is to focus on either the SB 151 or re-entry.

Commissioner Dumanis made the motion to recommend that the City Council and the Mayor be advised to support SB 151.

Chair Cooper motion to accept the amended to establish an AD Hoc committee to monitor progress on re-entry of the criminal justice forum.

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MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ELDRED. Second by Commissioner Benavidez.

JJ Anderson commented on the re-entry roundtable committee that looks at legislation for the community. He suggested that task could be assigned to the re-entry roundtable committee.

Commissioner Silverman commented on not duplicating committees if there are existing ones that are established.

Chair Cooper commented on having a community scan and for Commissioner Eldred to re-send his motion.

Commissioner Eldred withdrew his motion.

Detective Minto commented that the reports can be posted as an item on the agenda so that the community can testify before the Commission. Therefore, the Commission can act on that information all at once.

5. COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Public Comment:

Jose Rivera from the Greater Works Empowerment Center commented on the Grand opening of ONE-STOP center.

Jasmine Kirkland is the Director of the after school program of Greater Works Empowerment Center commented on their support for the initiatives that are currently going on.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Lynn Sharpe-Underwood commented on community outreach updates and grants update.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lynn Sharpe-Underwood announced about PROP 63 funds collaborative workshop meeting that will be on May 08, 2009 @ Tubman Chavez 2:30pm.

Commissioner Cafferty announced Urban League's career exposition on April 23, 2009 at Golden Hall.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pastor Cooper made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 P.M., seconded unanimously and was approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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Next regular meeting: Thursday May 21, 2009 @ 5pm
Bayside Community Center
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